

# WLMAC Newsletter November 2021

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First indoor club meeting this year, at the Uxbridge Golf Club.

**Welcome to our November Newsletter** – The days are getting shorter and the temperature is starting to drop as well. So, don't forget there is soup in the club hut. Also, don't forget to turn off the GAS before the hut is locked up.

**Club AGM and Nominations** - Members of the committee who organise, regulate and run the club are not self-appointed - they are elected by the membership, at every Annual General Meeting, which this year will back at **Uxbridge Golf Club** on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December just after our club's Christmas Dinner (Mat will email details of this in due course).

So, once again we invite volunteer members to give their serious attention to the Club's routine business. [The club constitution calls for 21 days' notice](#) for an application for Committee membership, so the application form is shown below. Put yourself up for a year's service on the Committee by getting

yourself a proposer and a seconder from among your fellow members, filling in the form overleaf and firing it off to the Secretary, Roy Lanning.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM**

Candidate name (and E Mail address, please).

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Proposer.....Seconder.....

I agree to serve on the Committee for one year.

Signed.....Date.....

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**Fixed wing A-Test pass** - Kevin Lambi passed his fixed wing a test, at the field, on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> certificate to date, as he also has his A and B for multi-rotor which he passed in May, earlier this year.



**Bucks Search and Rescue** - You might have noticed some people on the car track and Helicopter area in Hi-Viz jackets. These are the teachers and students from the drone rescue club. They also practice here in the dark. They are equipped with hi-tech drones. They have thermal cameras on them as well as normal cameras. These are the people that go looking for people that have gone missing. I was speaking to one of the teachers the other week and he said he had hidden a boiler suit in the long grass for the students to find. Ok found it a student said, er no that's not it! But it was a heat signature, when they investigated the anomaly, it was one of our water rollers. It must have drawn the heat from the sun that day and that was the source. Keep up the good work.



**Indoor club night at the golf club**- We had our first indoor club meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October. 14 members turned up for this event. Food from the golf club was hot and good. It was our quiz night. Three teams, four in a team and two quiz masters. Everybody was a winner with bounteous cash prizes and also some model kit give-aways, courtesy of quiz master Andy B.



Our next indoor meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup> when we will have indoor drone flying plus some great food, if you fancy a spot of dinner beforehand. Again, the club's generosity knows no bounds and there will be more cash prizes.

**Don't be shy give it a try (all equipment will be provided)!**

**Indoor Flying-** There was three of us who attended the first Saturday at Wycombe's indoor flying. Mathew, Kevin and Myself. We turned up armed with indoor planes, helicopters and some small drones.

We had a good supply of batteries to last us to the end. This was well worth the £10 to be flying in the warm and with no wind.

The Wycombe Club have again invited us to join them for their indoor flying sessions at the Wycombe Sports Centre, dates and other relevant information as follows.

All events are Saturdays 4:00pm - 6:00pm (this due to the sports centre's COVID opening times, once they change back to normal then they'll be booked 6:00pm - 8:00pm):

## 2021

- 6th November
- 27th November
- 18th December

## 2022

- 8th January
- 29th January
- 19th February
- 12th March
- 26th March

Flying fees are £10/session.

The multi-storey carpark next to the main entrance will be open (it was closed for the previous sessions but is now open), the tariff is 50p for 2 hours payable only with coins.

The Park & Ride carpark is also available but now charges £1.20 for 4 hours, this can be paid for by card.

**CAA Operator ID Reminder** – By now most of us have placed our ID on our models. If you are bringing a model out that has not been used for a while, please remember to check it has your current ID, clearly labelled in accordance to the CAA instructions.

**Filming at Stockers farm update** – A reminder that filming at Stockers has stopped since Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> October so there will be no more disruptions for the rest of 2021.

**Pickeridge Farm Update** – Unfortunately, the EHA (Environmental Health), one of the consultees for the local authority, has had a look at our recently submitted noise assessment and decided that they are still recommending the refusal of our application. This means we will need to submit a revision of the noise assessment and provide some further clarification of the club's proposed "mitigations" (type of models flown, number in the air, operating times etc), these both taking into account the latest observations of the EHA's response. We are now consulting with those "in the know" and would hope to have this ready by mid-November. Again, more waiting, but the planning officer ideally needs the EHA to have no objections before completing his report ahead of the planning committee meeting that we will eventually have to go before.

**Car Racing Update (from TP)** - Despite starting very late in the year, the last few months have seen some brilliant, well attended car race evenings. However, as there's a marked lack of enthusiasm for running under floodlights there'll be no more evening racing until the clocks once again move forward in the New Year. As a good many of the people I've spoken to have no intention of parking their cars up for the next five or six months I propose we run at the weekends. Sunday mornings to be more precise. Quite how often is yet to be decided but it'll probably be once or twice a month. As we move into the time of year when the weather is at best unpredictable rather than run on specific dates the decision to run will be made depending on the weather and overall enthusiasm. While this might mean we could easily go three or weeks with no four-wheel action we could just as easily run two Sundays back-to-back. The decision to run will be made no later than Friday morning and you'll be notified by email. No email automatically means it's not on. At this point in time the dirt track is perfectly useable, as is obviously enough, the Astroturf.

However, and this is very important, we are a model flying club and propellers trump wheels. What that means is that if we're running on the Astroturf and someone turns up to fly, we'll have to move. Finally, I think it's worth reminding people that the dirt track can be used by any club member (running an electric car) at any time. Just because nothing formal's been arranged doesn't mean you have to stay away.

**New Members (both now enrolled in the club's training programme)-**

Mr John Marr. Kitted out with a Seagull E-Pioneer.



and Mr Aaron Hall with his brand new Seagull Boomerang trainer– Lovely flying machine (suitable for I.C or electric) this one is electric and flies for well over 12min's on each pack.



**TB Tuning-** (They call him Mr Tony Nitro) Ok,so we've had a great year flying our IC models but now it's time to set them up for the lean winter months, to help protect the bearings and stop the carbs from seizing up. Quite simple really, put some oil down the carbs on all twostrokes about a teaspoon will suffice,flick it over a couple of times shut the carb and if you really want to go the whole hog point/ store the model forward, so the oil gets to the bearings.Turn the engine over a couple of times every three to four weeks. Fourstrokes are slightly different,squeeze the same amount of oil into the crankcase breather pipe and a couple of drops into the cylinder head through the plug hole. Turn engine over a couple of times every three to four weeks. Hope this helps,look forward to seeing your engines next year. TB Tuning signing off for 2021!

Store IC models facing down, if possible.



**True flight simulator-** On the 19<sup>th</sup> October our Chairman Mathew took the controls of a full-size BOEING 737 NG flight simulator, this courtesy of Alan and Ben Colman (WLMAC members). He had a great time and asked Alan and Ben to come up with an article, as this is very likely to also appeal to others. And here it is - In 2021 we launched a new venture, a full-size BOEING 737 NG simulator. If you have not been to one of these it's a truly immersive experience, it has an authentic cockpit with systems and functions faithful to the real thing. It even has genuine Boeing pilot seats. Everyone leaves us with a big grin! I think that model flyers would really enjoy this and get a lot from it because they will have a sympathetic understanding of flight and generally how things work, and by nature like a challenge.

Come along and try your hand at flying a modern airliner, all sessions are with a qualified pilot, experience is not required as we tailor the session accordingly. For WLMAC friends and members we are offering a very special discount of 40% of any session of 60 minutes or more. This is a great offer available nowhere else; you can use it for yourself or as a present, gift voucher can be supplied. With Christmas coming up this

would be something different, so if the other half does not know what to get you.... drop hints!

Why not come down with some club friends and make a day of it, we are 45 minutes from Harefield in the beautiful Surrey Hills. Teas and coffees on us maybe even a few biscuit's!

Club Chairman Mathew has been to try it out and inspect, I think he was blown away; it was clear that model flying skills translate very well to flying full size, judging by how fast Mathew got on top of things.

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To see what others are saying about us Google TripAdvisor Trueflightsimulation  
For any bookings use code WLMAC40 at checkout and get that hefty 40% discount.  
Thanks. Alan & Ben



## **New Feature – Pilots Gallery-**

Krys Holubecki.

They call him MAD Graham.

Brentford Pete.



**Mr Epoxy Pete.**



**Mr Richard Saunders.**



**Mr Richard Norris.**



**Outdoor Classroom-**

So Dave do you know what these are for?

Ok John it needs more Fuel.



**Events**

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 11 November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Indoor Drone Flying.
Thursday 9 December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 9 December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal